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MODEST INCREASE IN TECHNICAL HIRING CONTINUES

The HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX, a key national indicator, continued to rise slowly during August to 107, a two-point gain. Single-month data for September also showed a small increase, indicating the moderate upward trend may continue.

The increase in September, from 107 to 109, marked the fourth consecutive monthly rise and its highest level since February, when it stood at 119.

The third quarter average 107, is just one point lower than the figure for the comparable period last year, but significantly below the 116 recorded for first-quarter 1986.

These statistics were released today by Marjorie Freedland, Vice President and Director of Research for Deutsch, Shea & Evans, the human resources advertising, research and communications firm which has maintained the Index since 1960.

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Ms. Freedland noted, "The gains we are reporting today are too modest to suggest that a strong upward trend has begun. We will have to wait until early next year before a clear direction is evident. Widespread cutbacks of engineers seem to have peaked, but most high tech employers appear to be in a wait-and-see mode, not committing themselves to large-scale hiring at this time."

The HTRI is based on the volume of recruitment advertising directed to engineers and scientists in major US newspapers and technical journals each month.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX

(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single-Month Figure	High Technology Recruitment Index*
August, 1985	100	108
September	113	104
October	100	106
November	104	101
December	99	110
January, 1986	128	115
February	119	116
March	100	109
April	106	104
May	105	104
June	101	103
July	105	105
August	107	107
September	109	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

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